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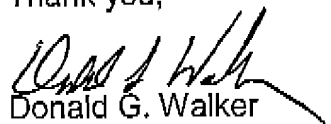
## COMMENTS:

Dear Examiner Krause:

Please review the attached proposed claim amendments. The amendments are being presented for discussion purposes only.

I will call you at 11:00 a.m. EST on Wednesday, October 21, 2009. Feel free to contact me before then if you wish.

Thank you,

  
Donald G. Walker

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**Proposed Claim Amendments  
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8. (Currently amended) A transmission, comprising:

a moveable shift fork;

a shaft having a finger radially outwardly extending therefrom;

a sleeve supported on the shaft and restricted from rotation, the sleeve including a groove in receipt of the finger such that rotation of the shaft causes axial translation of the sleeve; and

a spring accumulator acted upon by the sleeve to transfer a load to the shift fork, wherein the finger radially extends through the spring accumulator.

17. (Currently amended) A transmission, comprising:

an axially translatable shift member including a housing portion and a bifurcated fork portion adapted to engage a rotatable shifting element;

a rotatable shaft;

a radially extending finger fixed to the shaft;

a sleeve including a gate in receipt of the finger, wherein the sleeve surrounds the shaft and rotation of the shaft axially translates the sleeve;

a spring encompassing the sleeve; and

a holding yoke fixed to the sleeve to restrict rotation of the sleeve relative to the housing portion, the holding yoke having a pair of spaced apart wings, the spring being positioned between and in engagement with the wings, the spring

including portions ~~clear of~~ radially extending beyond the wings and in engagement with the housing portion.

21. (Currently amended) A transmission, comprising:
- a moveable shift fork including a housing;
  - a sleeve including a gate and being positioned within the housing;
  - a rotatable shaft including a radially extending finger being positioned within the gate such that rotation of the shaft axially translates the sleeve;
  - a holding yoke being fixedly connected to the sleeve and being guided by the housing, the holding yoke including spaced apart wings connected to end regions of the sleeve; and
  - a spring surrounding the sleeve and being positioned between the wings, the spring transferring load between the housing and the sleeve.